



Selection Committee Meeting

Selection Committee Chair	Konstantin Gulisashvili	Voting
Selection Committee TRA Rep / TRA Sr NT Coordinator	Nuno Merino	Voting
Selection Committee TUM Rep	Ky Shaw	Voting
Selection Committee DMT Rep	Dez Wagner	Voting
Athlete Representative	Brandon Krzynefski	Voting
Program Committee Chair	Patti Conner	Replacement voting
TRA Jr NT Coordinator	Steven Gluckstein	Non-voting
Program Manager	Dylan Bealey	Non-voting
Invited Guest	Eric Thomas	Non-voting
Invited Guest	Juwan Young	Non-voting

Individuals Not Present

Program Director	Alex Renkert	Non-voting
TUM NT Coordinator	Becky Brown	Non-voting
DMT NT Coordinator	Sven Nielsen	Non-voting

Members from the above list recused themselves for votes where they had conflicts of interest or were not voting members. Voting committees were as follows:

Riccione World Cup - Athletes - Voting		
	M TRA	W TRA
Chair	Patti	Konstantin
Discipline Rep	Ky	Patti
Athlete Rep	Brandon	Brandon

Riccione World Cup - Coaches - Voting	
	TRA
Chair	Patti
Discipline Rep	Ky
Athlete Rep	Brandon

Meeting called to order by Konstantin at 9:05 PM ET on July 22nd, 2026.

Selection Committees Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome

All attendees were asked to disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest based on a review of the agenda.

It was agreed that all committee members have conflicts of interest as a result of being athletes, coaches, judges and/or club owners and/or receiving compensation at times from the T&T program. Except in the case of any items bulleted below, the individuals and committee share the view that members are able to act impartially and for the benefit of the program, and recusal is not necessitated for any other items.

- Steven Gluckstein – Alexandra Mytnik, Leah Garafalo, Vivian Schanley, Ava DeHanes, Gia Valente, Bella Ursu, Nate Erkert, Ayden Rideout
- Nuno Merino – Maia Amano, Clare Bretscher, Paul Bretscher, Ryan Maccagnan, Cody Gesuelli, Zack Whaley

- Dez Wagner – Josie Bain, Kable Moore
- Konstantin Gulisashvili – Changamire Anderson (Jessica Stevens was not considered for this assignment due to not competing in the 2026 domestic season.)

2. **Selection Overview & Criteria**

The Selection Committee reviewed the [International Event Procedures](#) and discussed the methodology used to evaluate athletes for selection. For the 2026 Riccione World Cup, the committee looked at the top ranked athletes from the 2026 World Championship selection standings which referenced results from:

- 2026 Winter Classic, 2026 Elite Challenge, and the 2026 USA Gymnastics Championships

3. **Riccione World Cup (TRA) – Athletes**

As the National Team Coordinators, Nuno and Steven presented recommendations for the Riccione World Cup SR TRA athlete positions. Discussion was had to make sure that all options were fully considered.

Nuno, Dez, and Steven left the call.

Motion to select the following female TRA athletes for the 2026 Riccione World Cup:

- **Leah Garafalo**
- **Maia Amano**
- **Clare Bretscher**
- **Sarah Webster**
- Non-Traveling Alternate – **Ava DeHanes**
 - Replacement 1: **Kate Arakawa**
 - Replacement 2: **Grace Danley**

Motion: Konstantin

Second: Brandon

Vote: Unanimous

The committee then moved to the men's TRA selections using the same selection criteria as the women. As the National Team Coordinators, Nuno and Steven presented recommendations for the Riccione World Cup SR TRA athlete positions. Discussion was had to make sure that all options were fully considered.

Nuno, Dez, Steven, and Konstantin left the call.

Motion to select the following male TRA athletes for 2026 Riccione World Cup:

- **Ruben Padilla**
- **Isaac Rowley**
- **Elijah Vogel**
- **Aliaksei Shostak**
- Non-Traveling Alternate – **Paul Bretscher**
 - Replacement 1: **Trevor Harder**
 - Replacement 2: **Lourens Willekes**

Motion: Patti

Second: Brandon

Vote: Unanimous

4. **Riccione World Cup (TRA) – Coaches**

The Selection Committee read through the [International Event Procedures](#) as well as the expression of interest form and discussed candidates.

As the National Team Coordinators, Nuno and Steven presented recommendations for Trampoline coaches and discussed the candidates with the committee.

Nuno, Dez, Steven, and Konstantin left the call.

Motion to select the following Coaches for 2026 Riccione World Cup:

- Head Coach – **Nuno Merino**
- Assistant Coaches – **Sven Nielsen & David Ford**
- Replacement Coach – **Steven Gluckstein**

Motion: Patti

Second: Brandon

Vote: Unanimous

****Replacement Athletes and Coaches:** Replacement positions are non-traveling and are not considered alternates. Replacements will only be called upon if necessary, due to athlete or coach declinations, removals, and team needs, provided there is sufficient time to coordinate the necessary adjustments, and the replacement is approved by the National Office and National Team Coordinators.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:33PM EST.

Amendment – 2026 Riccione World Cup Coaches

The committee reconvened and voted on an update to the selections for coaches for the 2026 Riccione World Cup following declinations from assigned coaches for both Riccione World Cup and the World Championships in Nanjing, China. After discussions with the National Team Coordinators, the Program Director provided an update to the Selection Committee for consideration **via email on August 13th, 2026.**

Riccione World Cup - Coaches - Voting	
	TRA
Chair	Patti
Discipline Rep	Eric
Athlete Rep	Brandon

After discussion, the committee amended the original vote and accepted the proposed reassignment of coaches as follows:

Motion to select the following Coaches for 2026 Riccione World Cup:

- Head Coach – **Nuno Merino**
- Assistant Coaches – **Steven Gluckstein & Dmitri Poliaroush**

Motion: Patti

Second: Eric

Vote: Unanimous

